

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 22 have been canceled.

New method claims 23 to 27 have been added.

Claims 23 to 27 remain in the application. Claim 23 is the sole independent claim.

Previous claims 16 to 22 stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Scholten et al. US 4,969,888 (Scholten). Scholten does not teach or suggest a method that (i) selects for treatment a bone that includes a fracture region defined by cortical bone surfaces that have collapsed upon themselves to displace away from a desired anatomic orientation another region of the bone remote from the fracture region; (ii) deploys an expandable body having a collapsed condition sized and configured for insertion within the fracture region, and (iii) enlarges the expandable body into an enlarged condition within the fracture region to move the collapsed cortical bone surfaces in the fracture region apart to move the other region of the bone toward the desired anatomic orientation. Scholten does not teach or suggest the restoration of the anatomy of a bone region remote from a fracture region.

Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks and allowance of claims 23 to 27 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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